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Outstanding Citizen Remenick Enjoys Retirement and Fresh Air

by Virginia Beauchamp

Jay Remenick, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2005, has taken to the hills – literally. He and his wife, Nancy, have rented space in a trailer park near Front Royal, Va., where they are spending much of the summer enjoying the scenery and the cooler mountain air. He keeps in touch with family and friends by cell phone, where I also caught up with him.

Still vice-president of the organization he served as president for a decade, Remenick takes occasional trips back to Greenbelt for meetings and other business with the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, where he serves on several committees. His selection as last year's Outstanding Citizen recognized his 32 years at that time with the organization, which began when he was a 16-year-old high school student.

Handling their 39-foot camping trailer is no problem for either Jay or Nancy. (She recently retired after some 32 years of driving a school bus for the county.) And in a back compartment of the trailer are stowed two motorcycles, for occasional freer sprints around the mountain



Jay Remenick

landscape.

They also have enjoyed participating in Bike Week at Myrtle Beach, S. Car.

But the 5th-wheel trailer makes a more comfortable vehicle for entertaining family and friends, including three grandchildren. With kitchen, bath and shower, it's roomy enough to sleep eight people, if you don't mind crowding up a bit. And it's great too for visits to Ocean City.

Both Jay and Nancy substitute occasionally still as school bus drivers and he also works

part-time with his brother Paul's construction company. But being retired allows both of them to continue with their first love, the organization that brought them both together – the volunteer fire department.

It is the depth of Remenick's involvement in the department, an organization so vital to the public safety of the community, that convinced the Outstanding Citizens Committee to name Remenick at the opening ceremonies of last year's Labor Day Festival. For the past 32 years he has worked his way through the ranks of the department to eventually become president and serve in that capacity for 10 years until 2004.

Nominations for Outstanding Citizen 2006 can be submitted by anyone to the committee if done by August 7 (see advertisement in this issue on page 3). The award is for volunteer service to the community. The person nominated can be someone well known for the community service she or he has performed or it may be someone who has contributed in a quiet unpretentious way little known to the community at large but only to the person's volunteer

This Historic Green City Is Getting Still Greener

by Matt Johnson

The threat of global warming may be "an inconvenient truth" to some, but not to Greenbelt, which is taking steps to go greener.

Preserving land, planting trees and improving energy efficiency in city buildings and vehicles are among the projects underway. Assistant City Manager David Moran recognized that the movie, "An Inconvenient Truth," starring former Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, which recently left the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, may have increased awareness – but environmental concern "is nothing new to Greenbelt."

"I think it's fair to say that Greenbelt and its residents have a history of being environmentally concerned. You go all the way back to the original founding of this community in the 1930s. The name 'Greenbelt' stands for a community built with a belt of green," said Moran.

Created in 1935 under the Resettlement Administration (RA) as

one of three "greenbelt towns," Greenbelt currently has 532 acres of park land, which Moran said is significant for a city of Greenbelt's size.

"Greenbelt's done a lot with land preservation," Moran said.

In Greenbelt's residential areas, which in the 1930s were carefully structured by the RA at the behest of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Department of Public Works has taken on the task, now three years old, to fill empty spots with trees.

"We've got trees going up all over the place," said Bill Phelan, assistant director of operations for the department.

The tree planting effort began in Old Greenbelt, where a number of neighborhoods were missing what Phelan called "street trees." The department has completed its work in the Lakeside and Boxwood communities.

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Washington Gas Co. Officials Receive Feedback from Citizens

by Esther Ngunjiri and Virginia Beauchamp

Representatives from Washington Gas told dissatisfied residents that they would send employees to address specific problems of those who are still experiencing gas line problems near their homes in the Lakeside Drive area. Speaking for the company were Tracye Funn, manager of Maryland Public Affairs, and Thomas Fryer, department head of Replacement Construction.

Greenbelt council members joined with the two representatives from Washington Gas and affected residents to discuss the gas problems at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Monday, July 24.

"Time and time again, the letters they espouse are not happening. The reality of the situation does not reflect what is happening," said Marc Siegel, president of the Lakeside Association and resident of Maplewood Court, who claimed to have endured five and a half years of leak problems.

Siegel, along with others who live in the area on or near Olive-wood, Maplewood and Pinecrest Courts, complained of constant gas leakage, streets affected by those leaks and poor service of-

fered by Washington Gas to fix the problems.

Finally this spring, following intervention by the City of Greenbelt with the gas company, gas mains on Maplewood and Olivewood Courts were replaced along the center of both streets, as well as auxiliary lines leading to the individual homes. The original mains had been installed in 1963 as this area of Lakeside homes was being built.

Fryer explained that high-density plastic piping had been inserted inside the original steel pipes leading to some 25 houses within the development. Although occasional calls from residents of Pinecrest Court had also required attention, only the situation on Maplewood and Olivewood had been severe enough to require replacement of the piping, Fryer said.

Odor Added

He explained that natural gas, which is odorless, is augmented with mercaptan, an unpleasant odorant, specifically to warn of leaks. Even 1 percent leaks, like those along the Lakeside cul-de-sacs, are thus detectable. The company always responds to complaints of a gas odor, he said.

Siegel, whose house lies along the Greenbelt Lake path, said that walkers passing by on the path had often complained to him of a strong gas odor. One such stroller, alarmed, even took it upon himself to notify the company, Siegel said.

Although residents at the meeting were grateful that the gas lines on the two courts had been replaced, several complained about problems with communication. The actual work had been carried out by contractors hired by the gas company. But only Washington Gas employees were permitted to reconnect appliances in the individual homes, once their lines had been replaced.

Several members said they waited all day at home for this service, only to be told that it had not been scheduled. Eventually, by 9 p.m., each of those customers finally had service reconnected.

One resident of Maplewood Court, Cy Femrite, said that the strip in front of his home between the sidewalk and street was patched and left to "look kind of like a war zone." Siegel

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Council Approves Spending On Cameras and Call Boxes

by Diane Oberg

There was little debate or disagreement as the Greenbelt City Council met on July 17 to tweak the city's capital projects list for the fiscal year that began July 1. It helped that on the previous Friday Assistant City Manager David Moran estimated that the city closed out the 2006 fiscal year with \$250,000 more in its fund balance than estimated in the budget passed last year. Council agreed to spend about 60 percent of the extra funds and, if project estimates are accurate, to use the remaining funds to start beefing up the city's reserves.

Moran said that the additional \$250,000 resulted from FY06 revenues being generally higher and expenditures generally lower than budgeted. Council agreed to use approximately \$150,000 of these funds for additional capital projects. The remaining \$100,000 will stay in the city's reserves, which will still remain below the target level.

City Manager Michael

McLaughlin said that city policy calls for a reserve balance of \$2.1 million to \$2.2 million at the end of this fiscal year. Adding the \$100,000 to the reserves should lead to an end-of-year fund balance of \$1.5 million. All projects added had been identified during the final budget review as ones to be considered for funding once the final FY06 balance was known.

After the previous week's worksession, there was no disagreement with the proposal to spend \$30,000 to get new, replacement cameras for Roosevelt Center. McLaughlin assured council that he did not anticipate problems in getting Comcast's cooperation to get the new cameras up and operational.

Councilmembers also agreed to spend \$20,000 for two emergency call boxes at the Spellman overpass and the Metro Access Drive area between the parking

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What Goes On

Friday, July 28

8 to 10 p.m., Family Night at the Outdoor Pool

Saturday, July 29

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Monday, July 31

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with Washington Area Housing Partnership Affordable Housing, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, August 1 – National Night Out Celebrated by Greenbriar, Windsor Green, Greenbelt Lake Village and Hunting Ridge

Letters

THANKS

A big thank you to Joe Aulisio and his capable team at Greenbelt Auto and Truck Repair for their willing helpfulness to rescue a neighbor in tire distress.

Also many thanks to Chef Lou, the first witness to my tire misfortune, for lending an ear and a cell phone to a mature damsel in distress.

Ursula Schmid

THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for all the flowers, cards, mass cards and other expressions of sympathy on the loss of my husband Charlie. Also thanks for the loving support of our friends during his long illness.

My sincere gratitude to the members of Capital Hospice, Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, St. Hugh's Church and Greenbelt Community Church. They were all there for us.

Irene and all the Pavlish Family

THANKS

I want to thank everyone for all of your care and concern. I appreciate all the cards, phone calls, emails and prayers during my recent heart surgery.

Thanks to all for your love and support.

Maria White

Blood Inventory Is Critically Low

The American Red Cross, reporting dangerously low inventory of types O and B blood, urgently needs blood donors to schedule an appointment to give blood by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Type O blood, the "universal" type, can be used in transfusion for more patients than any other blood type. Type B blood is prevalent in this region and therefore badly needed by hospitals to treat local patients.

Information on local donor centers can be found at www.my-redcross.org.

Donating takes about an hour. Whole blood donors are eligible to give every 56 days.

Donors must be in good health, at least 17 (16 with a parent's permission), weigh 110 pounds or more, not received a tattoo within a year and not donated whole blood in the past 56 days.



Geocaching Is August's Artful Afternoon Theme

The August Artful Afternoon, to be held on Sunday, August 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center will feature Geocaching – A Global Treasure Hunt.

What is geocaching? Using GPS technology, anonymous players in a global game position log books and other items on public lands. Coordinates for the "caches" are posted online as an invitation for others to visit one's chosen sites. There are over 3,800 geocaches within a 100-mile radius of Greenbelt and over 200,000 geocaches worldwide. This global treasure hunt is the focus of a book-signing, exhibition and hands-on art activity at the Artful Afternoon program at the Greenbelt Community Center, which will also include a storytelling performance.

Local Treasures

At the center of the geocaching fun is Margot Anne Kelley, a photographer and essayist visiting Greenbelt from Massachusetts. Kelley's images and stories have recently been published in the book "Local Treasures: Geocaching Across America" by the University of Chicago Press. Kelley is the first person to travel throughout the United States to chronicle the many sites and stories of geocaching adventures from Maine to Hawaii, from the Alamo to the Mason and Dixon Line.

Her new book displays a vision of America quite unlike that presented in a traditional guidebook, for geocache sites are often public places with special meanings for the players alone. Despite its high-tech tools, geocaching also promotes a restoration of connection with the real (rather than virtual) world. "In this era when people are increasingly disconnected from the land that surrounds them," Kelley writes, "geocaching offers a technologically savvy vision for the future that depends on walking and the personal exploration and discovery of our landscapes."

From 1 to 3 p.m., participants can join Kelley to create artwork for inclusion in a new, local geocache. All ages are welcome to participate. At 2:30 p.m., Kelley will present an author's talk and book signing. Artwork and text from the book are currently featured in the Community Center



PHOTO BY MARGOT ANNE KELLEY

A photo of one of the geocache sites featured in the current exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery.

Art Gallery. The exhibition "Coordinates: Geocaching with Margot Anne Kelley" continues through October 14. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday whenever the room is not reserved. To confirm hours for a given day, call 301-397-2208.

Those who catch the geocaching bug may also want to join Kelley at the Gallery on Friday, August 11 at 1 p.m. for a gallery visit, author's talk and local geocaching excursion. Bring water and comfortable shoes for a non-strenuous walk. The walk is recommended for ages 8 to adult. Call 301-397-2208 to register in advance (activity 397201-2 – free).

Open House

The August 6 Artful Afternoon will also feature an open house with the Greenbelt Community Center artists-in-residence from 1 to 5 p.m. New artists participating this year include Courtenay Singer (potter), Kathy Karlson (painter and writer) and Hussein Saidi (collage).

At 3 p.m., storyteller Diane Macklin will captivate audiences with a fun, interactive program. She uses chants, games and music to flavor the stories she tells. Her folktales will inspire, motivate and educate the audience about the power of words. Diane Macklin is a professional storyteller, actress and educator, using the power of storytelling to transcend cultural barriers, inspiring hope, peace and justice.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m., with hands-on art projects, open studios with artists-in-residence, fun performances and more. For more information, visit the new web pages at www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS or call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

Grin Belt



AGNES CONATY ©2006

"And you thought crossing the street was the only squirrel hazard in Greenbelt."

On Screen

Woody Dishes Up a "Scoop"

Woody Allen's new comedy/romance, "Scoop," opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, July 28. A young, blonde-tressed American journalism student in London (Scarlett Johansson) aces out the competition on a big story in which magic, murder and mystery are intertwined. She also falls for a handsome, upper-crust toff (Hugh Jackman), who may have something to answer for. As the plot thickens, who gets into the act but our director-writer, in the character of one Sid Waterman. Going back 40-some years you can count at least seven previous films titled "Scoop" (two of them television productions). Here Woody reaches into the ether in search of a fresh focus. PG-13 (for sexual content); 97 minutes.

—Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SATURDAY, July 29, 2006
9 a.m.
Prior to Board Training
GHI Board Room**

Agenda Items:

- 3K Eastway – Contract for Repairs – 2nd Reading

Regular board meetings are open to members.

**OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE**

WEEK OF JULY 28

Scoop (PG-13)

Friday
*5:20, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*1, *3:10, *5:20, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday
*1, *3:10, *5:20, 7:30

Monday – Thursday
*5:20, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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129 Centerway
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Community Events

Computer Club Meets Aug. 10

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its second meeting on Thursday, August 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Attendees are invited to join in as the group decides the new club's official name and structure as well as to share computer knowledge.

All are welcome.

GEAC Meets Next Thursday

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be Thursday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Windsor Green Community Center.

Arts Advisory Board Meets on August 1

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, August 1 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Neighborhoods Host Night Out Activities

National Night Out Activities will take place on Tuesday, August 1. The Greenbriar Home Owners Association will have an information booth with a large National Night Out banner set up on Hanover Parkway to Eleanor Roosevelt High School at approximately 6:30 p.m. Call Rhonda R. Rumanski at 301-306-8604 for more information.

The Windsor Green Home Owners Association and Neighborhood Watch group will have their annual cookout at their community center at 7 p.m. Call Patricia Sandidge at 301-345-4837 for more information.

The Greenbelt Lake Village Neighborhood Watch at 6500 Lake Park Drive will have a pot luck dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a group walk throughout the Greenbelt Lake Village Community.

The Hunting Ridge Neighborhood Watch will have a table set up in front of their clubhouse at 8914 Hanover Parkway between 8 and 9 p.m., after which they will have a community walk.

National Night Out is a nationwide grassroots effort to make communities more aware of crime and the community's role in helping prevent it.

Water Rescue Drills Set for Saturday

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will conduct a swift water rescue drill in conjunction with the Laurel Rescue Squad Station 49 at Buddy Attick Lake Park on Saturday, July 29. This drill will take place from noon to 4 p.m. in the area of the spillway.

The drill will be an orientation and training in use of rescue equipment donated by the Greenbelt Rotary Club. The public may watch the drills, while keeping clear of the action. There will be no public participation.

GHI Notes

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Tuesday, August 1, 7 p.m. – Member & Community Relations Committee, Board Room

Wednesday, August 2, 7 p.m. – Sustainable Design & Practices Committee – Energy Work Group, Board Room

Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m. – Sustainable Design & Practices Committee – Community Education and Planning, Board Room

Prepare Art Now For October Show

Attention artists and crafters! The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is seeking local artists and crafters interested in selling/demonstrating their work on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8 at the 3rd Arts and Crafts Fair as part of the annual Fall Harvest Festival in Roosevelt Center.

The Festival features a free outdoor concert which will coincide with the fair both days. Children and teens are encouraged to join in at a table they can share.

For further information and applications contact Barbara Logan at loganc@joimail.com.

Computer Club Class On Pieces of Web

Ways of connecting, web browsers, email, webmail and types of mail addresses – understanding these internet pieces – makes using the internet a better experience. On Thursday, August 3, Mary Camp will explain and demonstrate these internet components. This Greenbelt Computer Club-sponsored lecture will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 112 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free lecture.

Used Books Needed

Bookshelves overflowing? During August, the PTA of Greenbelt Elementary School will collect used books for their book booth at the Labor Day Festival.

People are asked to drop off their books in a bin at the Co-op Supermarket. The bin will be emptied frequently.

A special pick-up for large donations can be arranged. Call 301-474-2041. Books in boxes are preferred. Donations are tax deductible.

Money raised in the book sale is used by the PTA to support school events, arts, music and science programs, for teacher appreciation and student rewards and to purchase items needed by the school. More information about the PTA is on the web at <http://greenbelt.com/gespta>.

Electro-Fishing Demo At Greenbelt Park

Ever wondered what sorts of fish species are living in Still Creek – the stream that flows through Greenbelt Park? If so, don't miss the electro-fishing demonstration event sponsored by Still Creek Friends and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on July 29, 10 a.m. to noon at Greenbelt Park.

Electro-fishing is a sampling method that allows fisheries biologists to catch and release live fish in order to study the fish community living in local bodies of water. Largemouth bass, sunfish, American eels, White suckers and Satinfish shiners are just some of the fish that people could see during this aquatic meet-and-greet.

Park in the Dogwood Trail parking lot off Park Central Road. People will meet there and be given a short introduction to Still Creek and the electro-fishing sampling method. The group will walk to the area where Still Creek intersects Park Central Road and begin fishing.

REI Sponsors Park Volunteer Trails Day

The National Park Service and REI will host a volunteer day to help repair and resurface park trails on Saturday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Greenbelt Park. Food will be available at the end of the event to celebrate the accomplishments.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes and insect repellent. Bring gloves and expect physical labor using shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. Pre-register by calling REI at 301-982-9681.

Register Now For Primary

Voter registration for the September 12 primary election will end on Tuesday, August 22 at 9 p.m. Registration applications are available in the City Clerk's office in the Greenbelt Municipal building, 25 Crescent Road and in the Greenbelt Library. They are also available by calling the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270 to request one be sent.


Applicants must fill out registration forms and return them to the Prince George's County Board of Elections. All registered voters will receive voter notification cards indicating the voter's precinct number and polling place.

GES School News

Parents of incoming kindergarten students will be receiving an invitation in the mail for a kindergarten orientation on August 17 from 2 to 2:45 p.m.










Class lists will be posted on the front door of the school after 8 p.m. on Friday, August 18. Summer office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; registration hours are on Tuesday and Thursday only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MOBILE POSTAL VAN:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the
Municipal Building Parking Lot



Light Up the Stage!

Join Joan Jacobs in her effort to bring a new lighting system to the Greenbelt Arts Center. Send donations to Greenbelt Arts Center Lights Fund, P.O. Box 293 Greenbelt, MD 20768-0293.

 Jay Remenick • 2005	 Patti Brothers • 2004	 Emory Harmon • 2003
 Virginia Beauchamp	 2006	 Konrad Herling • 2001
 Leta Mach • 2000	 Rena Hull • 1999	 Larry Hilliard • 1998

Please help the Outstanding Citizen Committee find the next outstanding citizen. Submit your nomination for that person whose volunteer service to our community has made him or her your choice to be the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of 2006.



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 7, to:
Robert Zugby, Chair
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Nominated By:
Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

The more information you can provide the committee the better.
Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary.



GHI BOARD SEEKS TO FILL VACANCY

The recent death of GHI board member Joyce Abell has left a vacant seat at the board table. A one-year commitment remains of Joyce's unexpired board term. Qualified candidates should submit a Letter of Intent in a sealed envelope marked "Board Candidate" to the Management Office by the close of business on August 11, 2006.

The candidate must be a member of the Cooperative, be willing to commit numerous hours to attend at least 21 board meetings per year, which are generally held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Other duties/qualifications include serving as board liaison to at least one committee, preparing for meetings in advance, respect for confidentiality, team spirit, independent thinking, and a genuine love of your Cooperative. No prior experience necessary, however, general business and finance knowledge or experience is helpful.

A candidate will be selected from the submissions received and will be approved by a plurality vote of the remaining directors to serve as a director until the next regular annual membership meeting.

Obituaries

Basil Charles Pavlish

Basil Charles Pavlish, 83, died on July 19, 2006, following a long illness. He lived in the 12 Court of Ridge Road, a resident of Greenbelt for many years.



Mr. Pavlish was born in 1922 in Pittston, Pa., and was raised in Bethlehem, Pa. He served in the 82nd Airborne in World War II. He was on the metropolitan Washington police force until he retired.

An active member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, he also belonged to the American Legion Post #136.

Mr. Pavlish is survived by his wife, Irene, and daughters Marie Jenkins (John), Lona Ramsey (Frank) and Carla Orton (Wayne); his sister Margaret and brother George; stepchildren John and Joe Fulton and Linda Humphrey; granddaughters Erika and Tiffany Ramsey; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Giselda, and grandson J. C. Robinson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Church with interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Capital Hospice, 9200 Basil Court, Suite 200, Largo, MD 20774 or Capital Hospice, 4715 North 15th Street, Arlington, VA 22205.



Our sympathy to Irene Pavlish and family on the death of her husband and their father and grandfather Basil Charles Pavlish, who died July 19, 2006.

Congratulations to Borahm Song, who has graduated from Indiana University with a specialist in education degree.

Chris Fominaya is the music director for the Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre performance of "Bye Bye Birdie," playing at High Point High School at 8 p.m. Friday, July 28 and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29.

Baha'i Faith

"Be generous in prosperity and thankful in adversity"
- Bahá'u'lláh

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, July 30
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

To Be Cool this Summer Try Some Fan Strategies

by Kim Kash

The Community Education Planning Work Group of the GHI Sustainable Design and Practices Ad Hoc Committee has pulled together a series of practical tips for staying cool, saving money and protecting the environment. Readers may recall from last week's article that these goals are linked because the less electricity you use this summer the more money you save. Reducing electricity use also helps reduce pollution and emission of global warming gases.

So let's hoist another frosty glass full of "info ice cubes" to help us beat the heat.

Zen of Fan Use

Perhaps your vintage-era home lacks a modern cooling system or any cooling system at all. You can maintain a soothing, cool space if you calm your overheated breath and focus your mind on . . . fans. According to PEPCO, a typical room air conditioner uses 620 to 1,630 kilowatt hours (KWH) per year, while a ceiling fan uses 50 and a window fan from 10 to 30 KWH per year. The economic and environmental rationale for fan use is clear.

"The key to success in using fans over air conditioners is using fans wisely," work group member and fan guru Ed James counsels. "In general, fans don't cool the air but make people feel cooler due to the air movement."

You can either aim a fan at yourself to feel cool or use it to bring in cooler outside air. In the latter case, the fan will be a waste of energy if the indoor air

temperature is close to the outside air temperature. Likewise, a fan running in an empty room cools no one but elevates the electric bill.

To cool a single person, ceiling fans are nice but it makes more sense to use a small, portable desktop fan. A small fan closer to you will cool you as well or better than a large fan installed a greater distance away and will save you money in installation and operating costs.

For whole house ventilation, consider a window fan. For many people, window fans bring to mind the huge fans installed in some attics but a window fan can be much smaller. Many are smaller than a typical window unit air conditioner and can be installed in a window similarly to a window AC.

In Greenbelt, many of us have two-story homes that are about 20 by 30 feet or 600 square feet per floor. Double that for a two-story unit: that's 1,200 sq. ft. A house of these dimensions with eight-foot ceilings contains 9,600 cubic feet of air. A small fan that moves 300 cubic feet per minute can move 9,600 cubic feet of air in 32 minutes.

Granted, airflow patterns prevent all the air in the house from being replaced. But if you leave a window fan on all night, it will vent a typical GHI unit. Run a window fan when the outside air is cooler than the inside air – evening and overnight is usually the best time.

One key strategy is fan placement and the opening of windows. To push air out of the

house, put the fan in an upstairs window and set it to blow outward. To pull air into the house, put the fan downstairs and set it to blow inward. This will make use of the fact that hot air rises.

The other key is proper opening of windows. Windows closest to the fan should be just cracked open, while windows furthest away should be opened wider. You can fine-tune this approach with a bit of trial-and-error.

All this talk about open windows does lead to questions about security. Ed James deals with this issue in a couple of ways. He uses a window fan with adjustable "wings" in his kitchen window, installed with screws. This fan pushes cool air through the house fairly rapidly, which cuts down on his air conditioner use. The down side is that the fan needs to be removed when the air conditioner is running (to prevent the AC-cooled air from leaking out the window). But thanks to Ed's daily fan installation/removal practice, he can do it in about two minutes! You, too, will refine your Zen fan techniques.

The other fan Ed uses is a small desktop fan that he aims at himself when he's at his desk or sleeping. In addition to the cooling, Ed finds that the fan's soothing sound works better than

a white noise machine, blocking outside noises and lulling him to sleep.

In the early morning Ed opens the window, puts some books on the window sill, sets the fan on the books and runs it for an hour or so. This cools the room faster than the air conditioner would and for much less money and energy use.

Website

Check our website soon for tips and suggestions about window security – but do try to take advantage of the cool breezes at night. We hope the soothing cool air and moonlight and the relaxing sense of being in tune with the summer's temperature rhythms will make you a dedicated Zen fan practitioner.

We invite you to participate in the Community Education and Planning work group. Contact Jim Cohen at 301-405-6795 for more information.

NASA Website Has Hurricane Info

Hurricane season is here. See NASA satellite images, videos, research and more at NASA's hurricane resource web page – www.nasa.gov/hurricane. Other stories from the Earth Science News Team can be found at www.nasa.gov.

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- The Holy Qur'an, 13:27

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.

Buck Hill Quartet Presents Free Jazz

Prince George's County Memorial Library System will offer a jazz concert by the Buck Hill Quartet in the annual Escape to Reading Concert on Thursday, August 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Carrollton Branch Library, 7414 Riverdale Road, 301-459-6900.

Saxophonist and clarinetist Roger "Buck" Hill is a living legend of jazz and a Greenbelt resident. He was a regular performer on the legendary U Street corridor of jazz clubs. By the mid 1950s he was married with a family, driving a cab and delivering mail.

Despite the family demands he was discovered by Charlie Byrd and became a regular on the local jazz circuit, appearing with Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and Shirley Horn. Yet he refused to give up his day job as a postman. The Washington Post's Eric Brace has said Hill writes "compositions that are so melodically complete and so structurally satisfying that I wonder if they might become standards someday."

This event is free and open to the public. Event website: <http://www.pgcmcls.info>.



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Monster House, PG (!)
12:45, 3, 5:40, 7:45, 10:30
Clerks II, R

1, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35
My Super Ex-girlfriend, PG-13
1, 3:15, 5:40, 8, 10:35
Pirates of the Caribbean –
"Dead Man's Chest," PG-13 (!)

12:45, 4, 7, 10:20
Miami Vice, R (!)
1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20
Little Man, PG-13 (!)
12:40, 3, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
Ant Bully, PG (!)
12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 7:30, 10:15



City Information

MEETINGS for July 31-August 4
Monday, July 31, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session w/ Wash. Area Housing Partnership – Affordable Housing, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that meeting is being held contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov.

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER OUTDOOR POOL

101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Friday, July 28th
8:00-10:00pm**



Admission is \$3.00 per family, resident or non-resident. \$1.00 for each non-family member in your group (limit 3).

Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
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Open Registration: Sunday, July 30 and Monday, July 31
Register in person at the GAFC between 9am-2pm ONLY.
For class listings visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov
For more information call 301-397-2204.

Greenbelt Department of Planning & Community Development

LOVABLE PETS SEEKING HUMAN COMPANIONSHIP
Saturday, August 5th 11am-3pm
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For more information on this event call 301-345-5417.

CERT TRAINING

The Summer Community Emergency Response Team training sessions will be condensed into one Saturday & Sunday Session from 8am-4pm each. It is mandatory to complete both days in order to graduate and receive recognition as a member of the Prince George's County Community Emergency Response Team Program.

To register please contact Tony Hairston at 301-583-1899.

**Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30
from 8am-4 pm**

**Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building
6820 Webster Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784**
Registration is limited to the first 25 to register.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greenbelt Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session August 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the Greenbelt City Council Chambers located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 240-542-2105 on August 8, 2006 between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at Greenbelt Police Headquarters, 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Local contact is Sergeant Carl Schinner, 301-507-6502.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Greenbelt Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation on Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Easton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, July 31 at 8pm: City Council Work Session "live" **Tuesday & Thursday, August 1 & 3: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert," **6:30pm** "Camp Encore's Encore," **7:30pm** Greenbelt Museum "How to Dress Vintage," **8:30pm**, Replay of Work Session of 7/31.
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 2 & 4: 7pm "Greenbelt Blues Festival – Loose Cannons," **7:30pm** "PG Peace and Justice Coalition-Kilowatt Ours."

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY JULY 29TH

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Public Works Yard
555 Crescent Road.**

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios and televisions – 19" or smaller.

Televisions larger than 19" and large stereo units are NOT ACCEPTED.

For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST GREENBELT CELEBRATES

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The following neighborhoods so far will be holding National Night Out Activities:

- Greenbriar Homeowners Association/
Neighborhood Watch 301-345-8604
 - Windsor Green Home Owners Association/
Neighborhood Watch 301-345-4837
 - Greenbelt Lake Village Neighborhood Watch
 - Hunting Ridge Neighborhood Watch
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said that the temporary patches presented a safety hazard to nearby residents, particularly for the old and disabled.

Rating System

Washington Gas representatives presented brochures of different programs and discussed safety protocol at the meeting. They described a rating method by which they determined the priority of gas pipe problems and the order in which they were addressed.

A situation rated at level one is the highest importance and required immediate work, Fryer said. A two or three meant that the leak would be monitored and repaired later. Levels were based on the concentration and exposure of gas, he said.

Residents and council members questioned the company's standards and how they determined procedures.

"I don't understand the grades. They could be different over the course of time. If there's a leak, there's a leak. A leak could be something small at first and gradually grow during the day," said Councilmember Edward Putens.

Residents complained that they were not notified, as guaranteed, when an employee came to examine their gas pipes.

"There were some instances where protocol wasn't followed," said Funn, who offered an apology on behalf of the company. She noted that every community in the system is reviewed by the company at least every three years.

The company representatives passed around forms for residents with complaints to list their problems and promised to address them as soon as possible.

"I am impressed they accepted the responsibility to address your concerns," Putens said.

Street Repair

Siegel also took issue with the length of time involved in repairing the pavement following the work. Most of the work had been done by tunneling underground between several excavations along the street, each of which had then been covered by a steel sheet to allow for traffic to move when work there was not actually underway.

The excavations were later filled and temporary pavement laid down. Siegel complained that permanent repaving had been too long delayed.

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Phelan said the department would be finished planting in the Lakewood neighborhood this fall and that there is still work being done on Hanover Parkway and Hanover Drive, as well as the area between Legion Drive and Greenbelt Road.

"We've got a couple of years before we have almost every potential tree site filled," Phelan said.

Green Campus

For the last few years, Greenbelt has also attempted to grow a new, green Public Works "campus." Carolyn Clemens, co-assistant director of operations for the department, said the project is currently in the permit process.

Clemens said the campus will consist of the renovation of an existing building, an addition to a storage building and an entirely new building. Among other green features, the campus will have geothermal heating and air conditioning, open ceilings, automatic sinks, low-flow toilets and urinals, self-dimming lights and rain barrels.

The rain barrel's function is to capture rainwater and use it to water plants in the campus' greenhouse while simultaneously controlling water runoff.

The campus will also make use of natural light wherever possible. Three skylights and rows of external glass blocks will allow outside light to flood the building. The glass block inserts are reminiscent of those used in old Art Deco-

style buildings in Greenbelt.

"We should rarely have to use the lights in the building," Clemens said.

New Building

The new building on the Public Works campus will be a 65-by-150-foot pre-engineered metal structure designed to house refuse and recycling trucks, large dump trucks and special-use vehicles, Clemens said.

She said that eight of the department's vehicles run on natural gas and that two are "flex-fuel" vehicles, which run on gasoline and ethanol.

But the effort to improve energy efficiency in Greenbelt does not stop at the Department of Public Works' current developments. Moran said that in August the city council will hear a detailed presentation about an "energy performance contracting program," whose goal is to "make energy efficiency improvements in city facilities" and to "finance the improvements with energy savings."

Steps to be taken under the program will include upgrading light fixtures, installing plumbing that uses less water, installing computer-controlled energy management systems connected with heating and ventilation systems, installing programmable thermostats and using lower-wattage light bulbs.

Moran said he expects the program to begin before the end of the year.

AmeriCorps Seeks Volunteer Leaders

Make a difference in a community — become a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. Organize volunteers to meet critical needs around D.C. Opportunities include the City of Greenbelt, The Arc of Prince George's County, Camp Fire USA, Congregations Concerned for the Homeless, FIRN, Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Neighbor Ride, Riderwood and Tails of Hope Sanctuary.

This is a one-year commitment as a member of AmeriCorps (the "domestic Peace Corps"). The service year begins September 6 and includes extensive training, a \$13,000 living allowance, health care and a post-service education award of \$4,725. Full- and part-time opportunities are available. Candidates must possess and demonstrate excellence in the following areas: verbal and

written communication, computer skills, problem solving and conflict resolution, leadership, public speaking and commitment to national and community service. Applicants must have access to reliable transportation. People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Go to <http://www.volunteermaryland.org> or call 410-767-6203 to apply.

Camp Youth Present Free Concert at UM

The final concert of the UM School of Music's Summer Youth Music Camp is the culmination of a week-long youth summer day camp for band, string and vocal musicians.

This free concert will be held on Friday, August 4 at 6 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall at the University of Maryland, College Park campus.

Summer Programs At Greenbelt Library

by Karen Seaton, Info. Staff

The Greenbelt Library will present Kathy MacMillan with Stories by Hand "Once Upon A Sign" on Wednesday night, August 2 at 7 p.m. This program is an interactive introduction to American Sign Language. Join in for stories and songs and learn to flex fingers in sign language. It is especially recommended for children six to 12 years. This program is one of a series of six special events in July and August funded by Friends of the Greenbelt Library. There is no charge for admission.

It's not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. There are prizes and activities for adults as well as children. Over 500 children have visited the library and registered for the program and many are in the process of completing their activity/book logs. Adults who finish six books are eligible to win a special grand prize: a weekend escape to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites in Ocean City (courtesy of the Quantum Companies, owners of Beltway Plaza).

For more information on any of these programs come into the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgmls.info. Renew books by phone, online or in person. Up to 75 items may be borrowed with each library card.

Coming Events

Stories by Hand with Kathy MacMillan, "Once Upon A Sign," Wednesday, August 2 at 7 p.m.

Blue Sky Puppet Theater, "The Three (Not So) Little Pigs," Wednesday, August 9, 7 p.m. For preschoolers and children 6-12 years.

Young Children:

Tuesday, August 1 — 10:30 a.m.— Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 2, Toddler-time, at 10:30 and again at 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, August 3, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

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lot and Cherrywood Lane.

There was also easy consensus to spend \$35,000 for upgrading an additional playground in Greenbriar. (Upgrades to two Greenbriar playgrounds had already been budgeted as part of the city's playground agreement with various communities.) In response to Councilmember Konrad Herling's question, McLaughlin said the city plans to contract out the equipment installation.

It took council a little longer to reach agreement to spend an additional \$46,000 to resurface Plateau Place and \$20,000 to address drainage problems in Greenbelt East.

In the end, though, all councilmembers indicated a willingness to add these projects to the city's capital projects to-do list.

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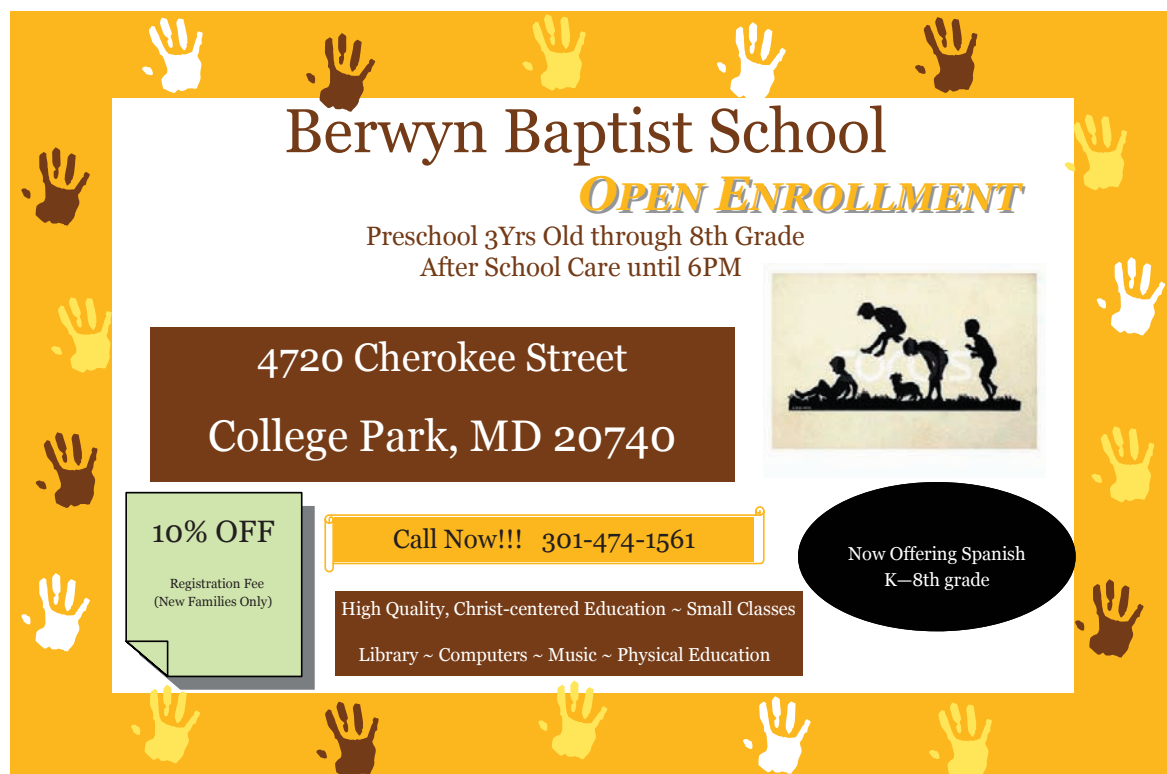


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Robberies

July 15, 10:02 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was talking on his cell phone outside at the rear of his apartment building when an unknown person approached him from behind and grabbed the cell phone from his hand. The suspect fled the scene with several other people. The man could not provide a description of any of the suspects.

July 15, 10:28 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Springhill Lane, a woman reported that she was robbed by a large group of people armed with knives and guns. Her cell phone was taken. The large group then robbed a man as they fled the scene of the first robbery, beating him and taking money and his cell phone. The man declined treatment for cuts and bruises. The suspects are described as several black males, wearing white T-shirts.

Animal Abuse

July 20, 7:40 p.m., 500 block Crescent Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with animal abuse after police found a dog left unattended in a vehicle with the windows rolled up. The dog was freed by breaking out a window and was impounded by Greenbelt Animal Control. When he returned to the scene, the owner was released on citation pending trial.

Indecent Exposure

July 16, 12:42 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he observed a man walking down the sidewalk exposing himself. The suspect, who fled the scene on foot, is described as a black male, 5'8", 160 to 180 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a thin, muscular build, wearing a long brown shirt and baggy jeans.

Theft

July 17, 4:08 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, it was reported that a 9mm semiautomatic handgun was taken from a residence.

Disorderly Conduct

July 14, 1:58 a.m., 7200 Hanover Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he became disorderly when told to leave Willy K's Bar/Restaurant at closing time, shouting at police and causing onlookers to gather and observe his actions. He was released on citation pending trial.

July 16, 10:41 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of suspicious persons in the stairwell of an apartment building. The woman was located in the stairwell, blocking passage and shouting profanities when asked to move. She was arrested when she refused to cease her activities and was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

July 15, 9:52 p.m., 101 Greenhill Road, unknown person(s) broke into the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle was reported as stolen: a white Mercedes Benz S500 4-door, Maryland tags KDF132 from the 7600 block Mandan Road.

One stolen vehicle was recov-

Beware: Counterfeit Check Scam

A Greenbelt resident has been the victim of a counterfeit check scam, losing approximately \$6,500. The victim recently placed an ad on craigslist.com to list a timeshare for rent in the Kissimmee, Fla., area. She was contacted by a man via email, who claimed that he lived in London and was interested in renting the timeshare for himself and his family.

After several email exchanges, the parties agreed on a price of \$1,200, to be paid by cashier's check. The man claimed that his place of employment, which was allegedly paying for the trip, mistakenly wrote a cashier's check in the amount of \$6,500. He stated that it would be "impossible" to get the company to reissue the check in the proper amount and asked if it would be possible for her to deposit the check into her account, then send back the difference. The woman agreed, deposited the check and sent the difference back to the suspect by way of Western Union. A few days later her bank contacted her and advised that the man's cashier's check was counterfeit.

The man then contacted her by email and claimed that as they left Western Union with the money the woman sent to them they were robbed by three people who took all of the money and stabbed his wife. He then asked the woman to return \$1,000 of the \$1,200 that he "paid" to her, telling her that she could "keep \$200 for all of her stress." The woman did not send the man any more money.

ered by Greenbelt police with no arrest made. The owner of a 2002 Toyota Camry, reported stolen July 12, advised that the vehicle had not been stolen but had been taken to a shop for repairs without her knowledge.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5500 and 5900 blocks Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 5 Court Gardenway, 6900, 7600 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Ora Court and 7900 block Mandan Road.

Beltway Work Begins Soon

The State Highway Administration (SHA) announces resurfacing of the Outer Loop of I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) between Md. 193 (Greenbelt Road overpass) and the Prince George's/Montgomery County line. Weather permitting, the project will be complete in summer 2007. In addition SHA is scheduled, in the next few days, to begin resurfacing ramps at the I-95/I-495, US 1 (Baltimore Avenue) and Md. 201 (Kenilworth Avenue) interchanges while resurfacing the US 1 Park and Ride facility and bridge decks within the project limits. SHA will also replace roadway, sensors, road signs and landscape within the project limits.

Lane Closures

During resurfacing, SHA will institute single-lane closures along I-95/I-495 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., Sunday through Saturday. Nighttime double lane closures may occur between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., Sunday through Saturday. Variable message signs, arrow panels, drums and concrete barriers will guide motorists through the work zone. Motorists should expect major delays and seek alternate routes, such as Md. 410 (East-West Highway) or Md. 193 (University Boulevard.)

SHA has a concurrent sound wall and highway lighting project along southbound (Inner Loop) I-95 between US 1 and the Greenbelt Metro Station that may also require daily single lane closures between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Flooding at Patuxent Causes Closures

Recent heavy rains have significantly damaged roads and other facilities at the Patuxent Research Refuge causing temporary closure of the North Tract entrance to the Refuge off of Rt. 198 east of Laurel. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has also had to stop operation of the popular daily tram tours at the National Wildlife Visitor Center due to a severely damaged tour route. The North Tract will remain closed to all activities until access and safety issue can be resolved.

Public programs scheduled for the North Tract are being relocated to the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

The Refuge updates its website (<http://patuxent.fws.gov>) regularly with current information on the status of closures and curtailed activities.

Smart Energy Tip For the Summer

Try this tip to save money and help the planet keep its cool:

Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights. Compact fluorescent light bulbs use only a third as much electricity as a standard incandescent bulb. Because a compact fluorescent will usually last 10 times longer than a regular bulb, it will easily pay for itself. If every household in the U.S. replaced one light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb it would prevent enough pollution to equal the removal of one million cars from the road.

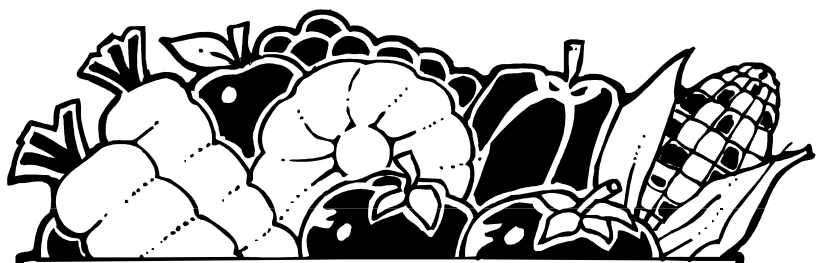
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Old Fashioned Fun At Marietta House

Visit the Marietta House Museum for a family summer fun day, August 6, 2 to 5 p.m. Adults and children of all ages will enjoy some "good old fashioned fun" including 18th- and 19th-century hands-on-activities, crafts and ice-cream making.

Reservations are required and must be prepaid by Thursday, August 3. Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale off Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For reservations or more information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

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Festival Notes

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is just a few weeks away and will be here before anyone knows it. Listed below are information and contacts for the different aspects of the Festival.

Ride Wristbands

Vouchers for ride wristbands will be sold beginning August 1 at the Customer Service Office of the Greenbelt Co-op. Vouchers cost less than half the price of a wristband when the wristband is purchased at the ticket booth during the Festival. Buy a voucher in advance and turn it in for a wristband at the ticket booth – this is a great savings!

Carnival Booths

Carnival booths are available to all community groups, offering them the opportunity to earn income and alert Festival-goers to their activities. Booths must be staffed all weekend, Friday through Monday. Groups who have not previously participated or returning groups who have not received an invitation should call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794.

Information Day

Groups wishing to share information about their cause, mission or product (no sales are permitted) can do so during Information Day on Saturday, September 2. Call Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605. Information Day applications are also available on the Festival website.

Craft Show

The Festival will be hosting its second craft show on Sunday, September 3. This show is open to all crafters. No notice will be sent to crafters who appeared at



For more information visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday. The site is updated regularly and already sports the weekend tentative schedule. Festival organizers can also be emailed from a link at the website. Patti Brothers can also be contacted by phone on 301-910-0050.

the show last year so all interested crafters should contact Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605. Craft show applications are also available at the Festival website.

Talent Show

Performers are invited to entertain the community at the Festival talent show. Juggle, dance, sing, do magic tricks or just about anything else on Saturday, September 2 at 6 p.m. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-577-1718.

Parade

Parade Chair Linda Ivy is currently taking applications from parade groups by email at lindaivy@aol.com. Parade applications are also available on the Festival website.

Outstanding Citizen

Nominations for the 2006 Outstanding Citizen can be made by using the form in this newspaper and mailing it, completed, to Bob

Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Art/Photo Shows

It is not too early to consider submissions for the Art and Photo Shows. Future Festival Notes will have more information. More details can be obtained now by calling Barbara Simon about the art show at 301-474-2192 or Keith Zevallos about the photo show at 301-474-5542.

Shuttle Buses

The Festival will once again have a shuttle bus service for Festival-goers. Drivers are currently being solicited for the service. Call John Forrest at 301-345-4073.

Business Contributions

Area businesses wishing to contribute to the Festival should contact Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050. Contributors receive public acknowledgment in Festival materials. The Festival's success is directly related to the outside contributions it receives.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist in all Festival areas. Ticket seller positions earning community service hours are available. In lieu of community service hours, ticket sellers can also be paid. Contact Patti Brothers for further information and to volunteer. The Festival Information Booth is also in need of volunteers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Festival Committee is Tuesday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Individuals interested in helping with this year's Festival are invited to attend.

Before/After School Care At Elementary Schools

by Mary Moien

All three public elementary schools that Greenbelt students attend – Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia elementaries – now offer before and after school care.

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In each school child care begins at 7 a.m. and operates until the start of the school day. The afternoon session begins at the end of the school day and operates until 6 p.m. Each program is housed in the elementary school which eases transportation arrangements. An allotment of school space and other general resources are made available for program use.

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Nonprofit

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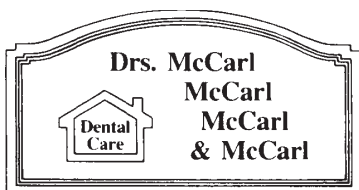


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Junior Rangers at Greenbelt Park. Front row, left to right: David Gardner, Scott Candey, Nora Snyder, Jessica LaVelle, Fulton Slemmons and Destija Harris. Back row: Ranger Robin Martin, Ranger Valerie Ragland, Jala McBryde, Ranger Kevin Barry, Adam Snyder, Ranger Alex Culver and Kiana Shepard.

Kids Enjoy Junior Ranger Program at Greenbelt Park

by Anne Gardner

Nine children from the Greenbelt area participated in this year's Junior Ranger Program at Greenbelt Park, which ran July 11 through 14. The children, ages 8 to 12, learned about such topics as water ecology and recycling during the four-day camp, which is offered free by the National Park Service. Their activities ranged from catching minnows and crayfish in Still Creek at the park to a boat trip

down the Anacostia River and visits to the Frederick Douglass house and a recycling plant.

All the children were enthusiastic about their experiences. "I enjoyed every single thing," said David Gardner, 8, of Greenbelt. Ranger Robin Martin commented that despite the children's very different personalities and attitudes, they were all working well together as a team by the end of the week.

Lights! Action! Fund Drive – Focuses on Arts Center Stage

What is a theater without lights? In the dark. The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) has a fund drive underway to buy a new lighting system for its stage at 123 Centerway in Roosevelt Center, downstairs from the Co-op. The current venerable system was second-hand when installed a good many years ago.

A GAC member and strong supporter, Joan Jacobs, has offered to match donations up to \$8,000 to reach the goal of \$16,000. This will buy a 32-channel light system to replace the present 24-channel setup of which only 20 units actually work. Look for enhanced lighting effects plus greater reliability. Parts for the old system are increasingly difficult to find, sometimes simply unavailable. Lighting experts at GAC are pressed to find workarounds.

To date, members and friends of GAC have contributed more than \$2,000. An appeal has gone out to the full membership.

The fundraising committee – named the Light Brigade – also is seeking support from the Greenbelt business community, since a community theater is seen to enhance a community for both prospective

and current residents.

The fund drive also aims to increase awareness in Greenbelt about the theater's existence and its wide range of offerings, which include musicals, dramas, comedies, Shakespeare in the Park, young people's plays in conjunction with the Community Center's youth program, holiday concerts and a film festival (foreign and classic) – plus a poetry reading not long ago by the Poet Laureate of Maryland. With tickets priced at \$12 and \$10 (seniors and students), GAC offers affordable, varied and stimulating entertainment.

The theater also affords Greenbelters an outlet for their talents in acting, scene building, costuming, prompting, finding and creating props and selling tickets. Complimentary tickets to GAC's productions are the reward for participation.

For more information, call GAC at 301-441-8770, ext. 7 or Joan Jacobs at 301-365-2473. Contributions may be mailed to: Greenbelt Arts Center Lights Fund, P.O. Box 293, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0293. Make out the check to Greenbelt Arts Center and write Light Fund on the memo line.

Nayak Beats Weaver in GTA Tournament

Nick Nayak defeated Danny Weaver 6-0, 7-6 in the featured "A" singles championship of the Greenbelt Tennis Association Firecracker Tennis Tournament on July 22. Nayak earned another trophy teaming with his son Anil to defeat Weaver and Sam Sain in the "A" doubles final, 6-1, 7-5.

Jim Murray used a persistent net attack against the heavy top-spin forehand of Greenbelt East resident Subodh Arora to win the "B" singles final 6-4, 6-7, 6-2. Sam Sain beat Tony Carey of Springhill Lake en route to a "50+" singles championship victory over Edgar Rodriguez by a score of 6-3, 6-4 in the finals. Dominic Moulden defeated Roger Davis 6-1, 7-6 to win the "C" singles title.

In the "B" doubles final, Bernard Kemp and Greg Mennis beat the Greenbelt East-based team of Deborah Frazier and Reginald Lyon 6-1, 6-0, after Frazier/Lyon



Subodh Arora lines up a forehand in the Firecracker Tennis Tournament.

won an opening round match against Windsor Green's Marlene and Roberto Paucer 6-3, 6-3. In a marathon "C" doubles final,

Greenbriar resident Regis Carvalho and Richard Green outlasted Roger Davis and Anthony Brown 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Greenbelt Swim Team Rated PMSL Division C Champs

by Leslie Hilliard

The Pointer Ridge Swim and Racquet Club hosted the Prince-Mont Swim League (PMSL) Division C Divisional meet on Saturday, July 22. Swim teams competing for the PMSL Division C trophy and a chance to advance in league competition were Adelphi Recreation, Cheverly Swim & Racquet, Fort Washington Pool Assoc., Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, Pointer Ridge Swim & Racquet and West Arundel Swim Team.

The Greenbelt Barracudas with a score of 228.5 points, took home the Division C Trophy and earned the title of Division C Champions by beating their nearest competitor, Cheverly, by 24.5 points. Greenbelt's dual meet nemesis, West Laurel, fell behind Greenbelt by 65 points.

Maresa Like-Mathews was



Frankie Like-Mathews took 3rd place in the 9 and under backstroke.

Greenbelt's only triple event winner, taking first place in the 15-18 age group for freestyle, backstroke and individual medley.



Softball Seniors Come Close Twice

Visiting Greenbelt led 13-7 over Catonsville on Wednesday, July 19 but was aced in the end, 15-13 in the Baltimore Beltway Seniors Softball League. Greenbelt highlights were two homers by Fred Bohle; triples by John Horstkamp, Rodney Hull and Eli Flam; three-hit games by Jim Dugan and Ira Salzberg; and Lefty Smith's grand-"sham" homer in the 4th inning. With four runs already in and the bases loaded, Smith's long shot counted only as a single – there's a five-run limit for each team's at-bat, except in the last inning – but he rounded the bases anyway to cries and plaudits.

Manager Ray Reed relieved starter Paul Williams in the 3rd; Burt Kerr caught.

On Tuesday, July 25 visiting Greenbelt caught up to Crownsville in the 6th inning 10-10 but the home team went on to win, 18-12. Greenbelt spread 18 hits, led by Flam (double, two singles), Dave Kerr (triple, single), Smith (double, single) and two hits each by John Benish and Rodney Hull; Jim Harbaugh singled and walked. Reed relieved pitcher John Strelkel in the 7th.

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